Ministry and also indicating whether there is a good scope for an OLEFIN Complex in this State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY ,OF CHEMICALS .AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (c) Yes, Sir. A communication was received from the Chief Minister of Rajasthan in June, 90 for setting up an Office Complex in Rajasthan based on gas from HBJ pipeline.

Establishment of Petro-Chemical Complexes is considered based cm demand/ supply position of petrochemical products, availability of feedstock and other techno economic aspects.

In view of the above consideration, the proposal for olefin Complex in Rajasthan was not considered feasible.

(b) Yes, Sir, depending on the location and demand.

Restriction on Export of Molasses

1958. SHRI P. UPENDRA; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have put restrictions on the export of molasses resulting in the loss of valuable foreign exchange; and

(b) what are the reasons for placing such curbs, when there is surplus stock of molasses in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN); (a) and (b) Export of Molasses is permissible subject to provisions of Molasses Control Order. While giving approvals for export outside, care is taken by Molasses Controllers to ensure that domestic requirements within ;the State and other deficit States are met.

Overcharging by drugs companies

1959. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred question 2059 given in Rajya Sabha on 12th December, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the details regarding company, product, date and extent of overcharging of prices fixed by Government which were brought to the notice of his Ministry under DPCO, 1979;

(b) whether it s a fact that details furnished in the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question 670 answered on 28th November, 1991 are incomplete and that only 4 cases are in courts;

(c) in how many cases companies have been let off after prima facie notices;

(d) whether it is a fact that several cases were not pursued as the producers settled their claims with the connivence of bureaucrats of his Ministry; and

(e) what is the present position in each case and when was the last reminder issued and why criminal case have not been filed against any producer so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA Mo-HAN); (a) and (b) Requisite details were given in annexure to reply to Unstarred Question No. 6655 answered on 8th April, 1992.

(c) The question of any company being let off does not arise and all efforts are being made to effect the recoveries, as legally permissible, as soon as possible.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The process of determination of the final liabilities of the companies in the background of the Supreme Court Judgement is still in progress. In a number of cases the companies have already teen informed that if they do not discharge their liabilities, the Government will be left with no alternative but to make recovery as arrears of land revenue, through the Collector concerned, alongwith interest from the date of default.

Assessment of Liability of M/s. Hoechst

1960. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) in what matter and on what basis the liability of M/s Hoechst was assessed at Rs. 3.19 crores upto August, 1987 by the Special Team by reducing Rs. 88 crores worth of liability to Rs. 3.19 crores;

(b) whether it i_s a fact that besides set off it is falsification of figures which